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CRICKETS AT DAWN

All night the crickets chirp,
Like little stars of twinkling sound
In the dark silence.

They sparkle through the summer stillness
With a crisp rhythm;
They lift the shadows on their tiny voices.

But at the shining note of birds that wake,
Flashing from tree to tree till all the wood is lit—
O golden coloratura of dawn!—
The cricket-stars fade softly,
One by one.

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SWEETPEAS

All flowers in my garden
Are free
Except the wayward sweetpeas;
And they,
Out of love and gratitude,
Have forged tiny green chains,
And chained themselves
To my lattice
And to my heart.

Margaret McKenny